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## Stop illegal conferment of honorary degrees - Accreditation Board

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The National Accreditation Board (NAB) of Ghana has expressed concern about the conferment of honorary degrees and emeritus professorships by institutions which do not have the accreditation to do so.

A statement issued on Monday, September 8 and signed by the Executive Secretary, Kwame Dattey, said that the situation was "in contravention of the Tertiary Institutions (Establishment and Accreditation Regulations, 2010 – LI 1984, Section 13 (1&2) and Section 19 (1&2)."

The statement added that the conferment of honorary degrees on individuals was the "prerogative of degree awarding institutions," including the University of Ghana and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and as such it was illegal for unaccredited institutions to do so.

The statement went on to advise the public to be cautious in their dealings with such institutions and to "verify the accreditation status and degree-awarding powers of the institutions that seek accreditation status and degree-awarding powers of the institutions that seek to confer on them honorary degrees to avoid any embarrassing fallouts."



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### PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES

The National Accreditation Board (NAB) has noticed with concern the spate of conferment of honorary

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degrees and emeritus professorships on some personalities by some unaccredited institutions, accredited institutions unqualified to award degrees on their own and other institutions with doubtful credentials. These are in contravention of the Tertiary Institutions (Establishment and Accreditation Regulations, 2010 – LI 1984, Section 13 (1&2) and Section 19 (1&2).

The conferment of honorary degrees is the prerogative of degree awarding institutions so mandated. Therefore accredited private tertiary institutions operating under the mentorship of chartered, degree-awarding universities are not qualified by themselves to confer honorary degrees. Any such institutions that do so are in contravention of Regulation 19 (1) of Legislative Instrument 1984 which states that: An accredited institution shall not issue certificates or award its own degrees, diplomas or honorary degree without a Charter granted to it for that purpose by the President.

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institutions in Ghana, and thereby seek to attract unsuspecting students to enroll in them.

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The National Accreditation Board wishes to caution the general public and advise that distinguished personalities invited for such awards should verify the accreditation status and degree-awarding powers of the institutions that seek accreditation status and degree-awarding powers of the institutions that seek to confer on them honorary degrees to avoid any embarrassing fallouts.

For the avoidance of doubt, as per our current records, only the following institutions established in Ghana are eligible to confer honorary degrees:

University of Ghana, Legon  
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology  
University of Cape Coast  
University of Education, Winneba  
University for Development Studies  
University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa  
University of Professional Studies, Accra  
University of Health and Allied Sciences  
University of Energy and Natural Resources  
Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration  
Ghana Institute of Journalism  
Valley View University  
Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Research Institute  
Trinity Theological College

The National Accreditation Board hereby warns institutions engaged in this illegality to desist or be prepared to face sanctions prescribed by the law.

Signed,  
Mr. Kwame Dattey  
Executive Secretary  
National Accreditation Board

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